

To the Heights

Year A FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SPOTLIGHT!



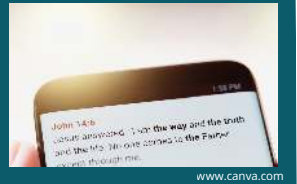
OUR POPE JOHN PAUL II PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE GROUP ON THE STEPS OF ST JAMES' CHURCH 2 WEEKS AGO!

HEAR! Sunday Gospel



John 14:1-12

If you don't have a Bible handy, click here to access Sunday Mass Readings!



GAMECHANGERS!

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice was born in Callan, Co. Kilkenny and founded the Christian Brother Order in Waterford. A man of incredible faith, vision, compassion and witness, we celebrate his Feastday on May 5th! Check out our resource on www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry



The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

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WATCH! FR MIKE SCHMITZ



Lord, grant that I may always pursue the Truth, and settle for nothing less, knowing that you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen

TUNE!

The Way (New Horizons)
Pat Barrett



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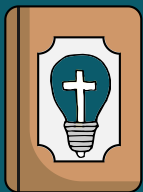


Fr Mike is coming to Ireland in July - check out his Sunday homilies!



POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



REFLECT

- Why did Jesus tell his disciples that their hearts should not be troubled?
- Explain the image of the Father's house that Jesus uses.
- Finish the quote: "I am the Way....."
- If the disciples know Jesus, who else do they know?
- How does Jesus explain His unity with the Father?
- What promise does Jesus make to those who believe in Him?



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[Ascend Youth Ministry](https://www.youtube.com/AscendYouthMinistry)

"Where I found truth, there found I my God, who is the truth itself." St Augustine

HIS WORD & MY LIFE



JOHN 14:1-12

In today's Gospel we hear the often quoted line, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Jesus does not present himself as a way, a truth and a life... but as the definitive way, the only truth and the life. Christians believe that Jesus is God, the 2nd person of the Trinity. That statement is either true or false. He cannot both be God and not be God at the same time. The mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming Man, is central to Christianity. Does it make it easy to comprehend? Not always! Yet here we have a God, so invested in humanity, so in love with us, that He took on flesh, becoming a tiny baby, suffering our weakness and limitations, to live like us, to show us how to live, and to die for our sake. God's love for us is real, it's tangible - that's the truth.

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RESPOND



What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



PUZZLE

FIND THE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

- believe
- evidence
- Father
- greater works
- hearts
- house
- Jesus
- many rooms
- Philip
- place
- prepare
- satisfied
- seen
- the Life
- the Truth
- the Way
- Thomas
- troubled

R E H T A F S M S G L G P L K P S
 J B Y W F Z A U R O N A R C L D T
 V B O S E K W Z S T H O M A S E R
 F B F C D V L U F E V U C J F I A
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 I W O O P N G L H K L S Q H P O U
 S Q D B A S K R O W R E T A E R G
 J U A M D Y J S N D Q H P S L B Y

DOODLE PRAYER

Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."



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TRUE FALSE

PHILOSOPHY 101: TRUTH

"Where I found truth, there found I my God, who is the truth itself."
St Augustine



LIST 2 THINGS YOU BELIEVE PASSIONATELY (E.G. ABOUT SPORTING TEAMS / MUSIC / FOOD ...)

WHAT DO YOU DISAGREE WITH YOUR FRIENDS MOST ABOUT?

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ, "WHAT IS REAL TRUTH?" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



What is the big question, the first question which needs to be asked by any philosopher or someone who wants to grow in knowledge? _____

What is Fr Mike's simple definition of Truth? _____

A statement can be true or false to the degree it conforms to _____.

Having "my truth" and "your truth" are examples of s_____ truth.



Give 3 examples of a subjective truth (you don't have to use ones from the video).

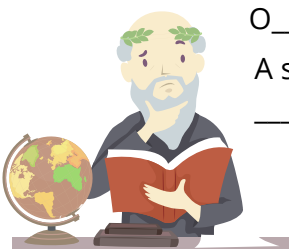
SUBJECTIVE Truth is about the _____ (the one speaking). It is telling you something about the person speaking, but not something outside of them.

What kind of problems does having subjective truth only lead to?



O_____ truth is about the object and is typically independent of the subject. A statement is objectively true or false regardless of whether I _____, _____ it or _____ it.

Give 2 examples of a objective truth (you don't have to use ones from the video).



The Principle of Non-Contradiction means that something cannot be and not be at _____ and in _____.

PHILOSOPHY 101: TRUTH



A statement like "God exists" / "God doesn't exist" is either objectively true or false. It cannot be both true and false in the same way at the same time.

What do Catholic Christians believe about Jesus?

Why are all Christians either right or wrong about this?

God either exists or doesn't exist. Jesus is either God or not God. These statements are not subjective, but involve a truth outside of us!



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MISSION!

THIS WEEK, TAKE SOME TIME TO REALLY CONSIDER WHAT IT IS THAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST. MAYBE IT WOULD HELP TO WRITE YOUR IDEAS DOWN. DO YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT JESUS MATCH WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES? SPEND TIME IN PRAYER ASKING JESUS TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO YOU, AS HE IS, NOT AS YOU IMAGINE HIM TO BE.

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PRAYER TIME!

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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON JESUS, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

- Pat Barrett: The Way (New Horizons)
- New Wine: Jesus the Truth
- Jonathan David Helsler: Father of Jesus
- Selah: How Deep the Father's Love for Us



- Celebration Music: The Way The Truth The Life
- Jillian Edwards: Let not your heart to troubled
- Cory Asbury: The Father's House
- Ryan Ellis: Heart of the Father



Fr Patrick Cahill: My Truth?



Why We Should Stop Saying "My Truth" (Fr Mark Mary CFR)